

Troopers Arrest Frederica Man on Multiple Drug and Weapon Charges

Frederica— The Delaware State Police have arrested a Frederica man on multiple drug and weapon charges.

On Friday, February 22, 2019, at approximately 6:15 a.m., the Delaware State Police Kent County Drug Unit (KDU) with the assistance of the Delaware State Police Governor's Task Force (GTF), conducted a traffic stop on N.E. Front Street, Milford, in the matter of 30-year-old **Joseph Whaley** who was known to have active felony warrants. Whaley was subsequently taken into custody without incident.

The Kent County GTF and KDU responded to the 200 Block of Market Street in Frederica to execute a residential search warrant in the matter of Joseph Whaley. Upon execution of the search warrant, four juveniles were present in the residence and the following items were recovered:

- (1) Firearm .22 Caliber Handgun
- (5) .22 Caliber Ammo Rounds
- (2) Dosage units of a Schedule 2 controlled substance
- 1,441 bags of suspected Fentanyl weighing approximately 10.087 grams
- Over \$1,100.00 in suspected drug proceeds

A follow up search warrant of the vehicle in which Whaley was operating was conducted and the following items were recovered:

- 16 bags of suspected Fentanyl weighing approximately .112 grams
- Over \$200.00 in suspected drug proceeds



Whaley was transported back to Troop 3 where he was charged with the following:

- Possession of a Firearm by Person Prohibited
- Possession of Ammunition by Person Prohibited
- Possession of Firearm During Commission of a Felony
- Possession with intent to distribute Tier 4 Fentanyl
- Possession of Tier 5 Fentanyl
- Possession with intent to distribute Fentanyl (2 Counts)
- Possession of a Schedule 2 Controlled Substance available by prescription only
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (3 Counts)
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child (4 Counts)

Whaley was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$82,400.00 cash only bond.

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